

# Tollite portas

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius  
[Soprano]

Tol - li - te por - tas prin - ci - pes ve - - - stras,

Medius  
[Alto]

Tol - li - te por - tas prin - ci - pes ve -

Contratenor  
[Tenor]

Tol - li - te por - tas, tol - li -

Tenor  
[Tenor]

Tol - li - te por - tas

Bassus  
[Bass]

Tol - li - te por - tas, tol - li -

tol - li - te por - tas prin - ci - pes ve - stras, et e - le - va - mi -

-stras, tol - li - te por - tas prin - ci - pes ve - stras,

-te por - tas prin - ci - pes, ve - stras, et e - le - va - mi -

prin - ci - pes ve - - - stras,

-te por - tas prin - ci - pes ve - - - stras,

-ni, et e - le - va - mi - ni por - tæ æ - ter - na -

et e - le - va - mi - ni, et e - le - va - mi - ni por -

-ni, et e - le - va - mi - ni por - tæ æ - ter - na -

et e - le - va - mi - ni por - tæ æ - ter - na -

et e - le - va - mi - ni por - tæ æ - ter - na - les,



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-les, æ - ter - na - les, et in - tro - i -

- tæ æ - ter - na - les, et in - tro - i - bit

-les, *por - tæ* æ - ter - na - les, et in - tro - i - bit Rex glo - ri - æ, Rex glo -

-les, æ - ter - na - les, et in - tro - i -

et in - tro - i - bit Rex glo - ri - æ,

-bit Rex glo - ri - æ, Rex glo - ri - æ.

Rex glo - ri - æ, Rex glo - ri - æ.

- ri - æ, et in - tro - i - bit Rex glo - ri - æ.

-bit Rex glo - ri - æ, Rex glo - ri - æ, Rex glo - ri - æ.

et in - tro - i - bit Rex glo - ri - æ.

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M. Quis a - scen - det in mon - tem Do - mi - ni, aut quis sta - bit in

Ct. Quis a - scen - det in mon - tem Do - mi - ni,

T. Quis a - scen - det in mon - tem Do - mi - ni,



lo - co san - cto e - - jus? in - no - cens ma - ni -

aut quis sta - bit in lo - co san - cto e - jus, san -

aut quis sta - bit in lo - co san - cto e - jus? in -

-bus, et mun - do cor - de, et mun - do cor -

- cto e - jus? in - no - cens ma - ni - bus et mun - do

- no - cens ma - ni - bus et mun - do cor - de, cor -

S. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

M. - de. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Ct. cor - de. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

T. - de. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

B. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Lift up your gates ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of glory shall enter in.  
 Who shall ascend into the mount of our Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? The innocent of hands, and of clean heart.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.1 no.13.

Text: Psalm 23: 7, 3-4

Liturgical function: Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent:

Introit: Rorate cæli  
**Gradual:** Tollite portas  
 Alleluia: Ave Maria  
 Offertory: Ave Maria (without alleluia)  
 Communion: Beata viscera

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